

Divisional Application of copending USSN: 09/437,938
Preliminary Amendment

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, please rewrite the first sentence to read as follows:

A1 This application is a Divisional Application, of prior application serial no. 09/437,938 filed on November 10, 1999, now US Patent 6,387,385 which application claims the benefit of US Provisional Application No 60/108,189 filed November 12, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 1, 4, 8, 16, 17, 18, and 31 to read as follows:

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1. A method of encapsulating a chemical agent comprising:
 - (a) combining, in an aqueous solvent, particles of a chemical agent suspended in the aqueous solvent and an encapsulation effective amount of a first encapsulating agent;
 - (b) converting the first encapsulating agent to an encapsulating polymer, thereby forming encapsulated particles of the chemical agent; and
 - (c) combining the encapsulated particles of step (b) with a second encapsulating agent.

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4. The method of claim 3 wherein the encapsulating polymer is selected from the group consisting of: urea formaldehyde resin, melamine formaldehyde resin, phenol formaldehyde resin, resorcinol formaldehyde resin, butylated urea formaldehyde resin, polyisocyanate, glycoluril formaldehyde resin, and poly(methylolacrylamide).

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8. The method of claim 2, wherein the converting is according to (i) and the method further comprises: reacting the encapsulating polymer with a first curing agent.

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16. The method of claim 1, further comprising heating the combination of step (c) to a temperature of at least about 40° C.